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## HINES SEEKS WAY TO FINANCE ROADS

Director General Hines today is formulating plans for meeting the serious financial problem confronting the Railroad Administration as a result of the Senate's failure to pass the \$750,000,000 appropriation for the roads. He is expected to lay his conclusions before President Wilson, by wireless, within a few days and the President will determine the future policy.

With immediate need of approximately \$15,000,000 due the railroads in rentals, approximately \$200,000,000 to take up, or renew, maturing bonds and many millions due industries on supplies already provided, the Railroad Administration has only approximately \$31,000,000 on hand.

Two courses which have been suggested as means of solving the difficulty are:

Turning the railroads back to private management again. The Government to exercise a form of guardianship pending the readjustment, to prevent collapse of any of the systems; or

Have the railroads go to the bank-

ing interests and borrow the money with or without the Government's assistance.

**First Course Most Favored.**  
Many Senators and some of the Railroad Administration officials are counseling the first course. The difficulty of the second course, it is pointed out, is that if the Government does not stand back of roads' attempt to borrow money, they will experience great difficulty, and if the Government does secure any such loans they would compete with Liberty loan bonds and notes on the open market.

Whether one of these or some other solution is reached in handling the problem, it is certain, railroad officials said, that improvements and extensions must be deferred and operating costs must be trimmed wherever possible.

**Bondholders Left in Doubt.**  
Meantime scores of thousands of railroad stock and bondholders are left in doubt today as to whether or when they will be paid interest or dividends on their holdings. The \$315,000,000 for railroad rentals due covers this interest or dividends, nearly 70 per cent of which, it is stated, is due private investors—not banking interests.

This uncertainty, combined with the effect the stoppage of railroad improvements and extensions may have on general business, is the prime worry of the Government, it is said.

## HAPPENINGS IN SOCIETY

### Ash Wednesday Brings Lull—Many Dinners Given Last Evening—Miss Atwater's Wedding

By JEAN ELIOT.

It was an amazingly picturesque and colorful party this Mardi Gras ball for the Free Milk for France Fund, about which everybody is talking. Starting last evening at 10 o'clock, festivities continued until the small hours of the morning and as the dawn was breaking breakfast was served to the revelers.

Not since the United States made its sacrifice to the great God Mars has Washington witnessed such genuine gaiety and merriment, and one wonders yet how so much true carnival spirit could be worked up in milk. Confetti helped and serpentine and bright colored balloons, which were batted back and forth across the ballroom, and all the noisy, foolish, amusing carnival trinkets sold for charity, with the prettiest girls in Washington as vendors.

If official society was more or less conspicuous by its absence, it was doubtless because the President and Mrs. Wilson and the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall were away and a general exodus is in progress following the adjournment of Congress. For the rest, the world and his wife were there, not forgetting "his sisters and his cousins" and he reckons 'em by dozens—his sisters and his cousins and his aunts. The Diplomatic Corps was numerously represented and the cream of resident society was present; and diplomats and dowagers, politicians and potentates—even a prelate or two—laid aside formality and engaged in the society to frolic "all same like" the younger generation and to help make Shrove Tuesday memorable in the social annals of Washington.

**Charismatic Pastoral Scenes.**  
Had a magician waved his wand over Wardman Park Hotel, where the ball was given, the transformation could not have been more complete; but the magic which produced the charming pastoral scenes among which the dancers revelled lay in the willing hands of many volunteer workers, by change all young and sophisticated and the night of Washington's most prominent maids and matrons in the humble but picturesque role of milkmaids brought back the days when Marie Antoinette and her ladies-in-waiting played at dairymaids.

Indeed, the famous Laiterie in the gardens of the Petit Trianon, scene of the pathetic masquerade of the hapless Queen of France, was fully reproduced as part of the scheme of decoration, and here Mrs. Sidney Ballou and a group of assistants, by change all young and sophisticated and the night of Washington's most prominent maids and matrons in the humble but picturesque role of milkmaids brought back the days when Marie Antoinette and her ladies-in-waiting played at dairymaids.

**Balloon-Trimmed Frocks.**  
In Mrs. Ballou's group were Mrs. John Cravens, Mrs. Randolph Minor, Mrs. Henry M. Judson, Mrs. Louis Titus and Mrs. William Scully. They disposed of balloons of every conceivable shape and color and in this they were assisted by Miss Betty Burnett, Miss Natalia Fisher and Miss Mary Helen, dressed in balloon-trimmed frocks of gay-colored organdies.

Below stairs motion pictures of the Free Milk for France parade were shown, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Sturgis and where was wherever space for the dancers might be found, three orchestras providing the music. The long ballroom was decorated to represent an orchard in apple blossom time, with the apple overhead and apple trees in full bloom lining the walls. Each box boasted its own tree and was enclosed in a picket fence painted blue, with a miniature letter box, bearing the name of the hostess, upon the gate.

Mrs. Peter Golet Gerry, Mrs. Breckinridge Long, Mrs. Arthur Glasgow and Mrs. Walter Dillingham, who, with Mrs. Joseph Leiter and Mrs. George Draper, were members of the ball committee, and the guests, standing in line until the press of arriving guests became so great that they were forced to retire before overwhelming numbers. For the company which assembled for the ball was the largest as well as quite the most brilliant which has attended any charity ball this season, and the flood of gold which poured into the coffers of the free milk fund must have reached highly satisfactory proportions.

**Who Wasn't There?**  
Who was there? Say, rather, who wasn't, for the list of "those absent" would be easier to handle. The Spanish Ambassador, Mme. de Hano were the ranking diplomats present. They were guests in Mrs. Richard Townsend's box, their hostess also entertaining Senator and Mrs. Peter Golet Gerry, the minister of Portugal, Viscount d'Alte, and Mme. Hauge. The Minister of the Netherlands and Mme. Cremer had a box, and had among their guests the Ambassador

of Mexico and Mme. de Bonillas, the Minister of Ecuador and Mme. Elizalde, Miss Marguerite Simonds, of the Netherlands, and the Netherlands legation.

The former Imperial Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff had with them the counselor of the British Embassy, Mr. Colville Barclay and Colonel and Mme. Barclay, house guests of the Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff.

Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood had among her guests the Minister of Salvador and Mme. Zaldivar, Mme. Nordvall, wife of the special commissioner of Sweden; the Princess Ghika, Mrs. George Elie, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hayes, Miss Julia Zaldivar and Miss Antoinette Graves and William Phelps Eno.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh had with her Lieut. and Mrs. Ellingham Townsend, Marquis de Beauvilliers, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett and Mrs. John Allan Dougherty, who is visiting Mrs. Walsh.

**Guests at Box Parties.**  
Mrs. James McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Mayne were among the guests in Major William Eric Fowler's box; and Miss May Adams entertained a box party next door. Her guests were Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mrs. Julian Mason, Mrs. Buchanan Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. John Mason Remey, Commander Uryda, naval attaché of the Japanese Embassy, Edw. Flather, and Miltonberger Smull, of Baltimore. Mrs. Marshall Field had a distinguished company of guests in her box; and among those with Mrs. and Mrs. Glasgow were Mrs. Elise de Klee, Miss Geraldine Graham, Count de Sartiges, Colonel Woodward, Mrs. Leatherby and Mr. Hughson, Mr. and Mrs. William McClellan Ritter entertained their dinner guests, and others who had boxes were Mrs. William S. Whitling, of Boston; Mrs. John A. Johnston, Mrs. Charles A. Munn—but why go on.

"Supper at the Pre Catalan." That has a festive sound and those who know their Paris and have driven out to the gay restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne, stop a moment of gayer room and a drink of milk still warm from the cow. But the reality—well, the mock Pre Catalan was a charming place, with its flowering trees and its rustic tables shaded by gay umbrellas, and the food was good enough, but the service was unimpeachable.

The "real, live cow," widely heralded by the committee as one of the stars of the evening, was among those present, but she was "parked" on the veranda of the hotel, and "they didn't use her at all"—to quote a young thing, who was sympathizing with the lonely bawls until early morning, when Miss Virginia Eckles, Miss Courtney Letts, Miss Olive Graef, and their corps of milkmaids made their rounds, milking the cows of milk hung from the yokes over their shoulders.

Throughout the evening the long corridor, with its midway plaisance crowded in popularly, the ball room and the supper room. Here the promenade was continuous and one had opportunity to scan the revelers. Plectrois and monnaies, diamonds and ladies' fays, mandarin, and mid-nights, Indians and organ grinders, all the creatures of fact and fancy, who mingled in gay confusion. Here, too, pretty milkmaids, in their wares; a group of flower girls under the leadership of Miss Virginia Hunt, kept shop in a booth alcove with their round, rustic bowls, with Miss Ruth Larner in charge; Mrs. Theodore Stark Wilkinson's group of assistants sold candy and cigarettes, and a group of young women, in their amusement for those who did not care to dance.

Roulette—for charity—had its devotees, photographic studio, did a rushing business and there was exhibition dancing by way of an "extra added attraction." Miss Enid Sims did an effective Spanish dance and Miss Virginia Eckles repeated the graceful dance which was her contribution to the benefit for the British-American War Relief Fund. Miss Margaret Harding and Algonquin P. M. Grier, of the British Embassy, also of the cast of the earlier benefit, sang a duet.

Many of the costumes were notably handsome. Miss Enid Sims, who was chairman of the junior ball committee, wore an authentic Alsatian costume, with the becoming Alsatian headpiece. Mrs. George Barnett, who was present with Major General Barnett, came as a Manchurian lady in a costume brought from China, and so changed was she by the black wig and the red and white face paint, that she was mistaken for a Chinese. Count and Countess Korzybski were present, the latter wearing a wonderfully effective Chinese costume and made up as a Chinese. Mrs. George Barnett, who was present with Major General Barnett, came as a Manchurian lady in a costume brought from China, and so changed was she by the black wig and the red and white face paint, that she was mistaken for a Chinese.

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**Calder Estertale.**  
Senator and Mrs. William M. Calder entertained a distinguished company at dinner last night, taking their guests later to the ball. Those present included Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Redell Senator and Mrs. Miles Poindester, Senator and Mrs. James E. Watson, Senator and Mrs. Joseph I. France, Congressman and Mrs. Luther C. Johnson, Congressman and Mrs. William C. Houston, Congressman and Mrs. Homer P. Snyder, Congressman and Mrs. Charles B. Ward, Congressman and Mrs. S. Wallace Dempsey, Congressman and Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn, Congressman and Mrs. Walter W. Hays, Congressman and Mrs. David Jayne Hill, Mrs. Walter Schoellkopf, Mrs. John B. Henderson, Mrs. Moseley, Judge and Mrs. Charles C. McChord, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Congressman Benjamin L. Fairchild.

Miss Sallie Beecher was hostess at dinner, Mrs. Melville Wallace acting as chaperon. Others in the party were Miss Edith Wallace, Captain and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Allen and Mr. Ide.

**Lady Reading at Concert.**  
Lady Reading, wife of the British ambassador, who has recently returned from a long absence in England, attended the Philadelphia Theater yesterday afternoon. She was a guest of Mrs. Marshall Field, who also entertained the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Franklin K. Lane and Major Crawford Stuart, of the British Embassy.

Others present at the concert were Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. William Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Mrs. Richardson Clover and her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Holcomb, Mrs. Stephen E. Elkins, Mrs. Matthew P. Scott, Mrs. Elaine Beale, Mrs. Theodore Noyes, Mrs. Chauncey Hackett, Miss Yvonne Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeside, Mrs. Charles Carroll Walcott, and Miss Elizabeth Benedict.

**Menard-Atwater Nuptials.**  
A marriage of interest to Washington took place yesterday in New York when Miss Judith Pomeroy Atwater, daughter of Mr. Louis Lombard, became the bride of Lieut. Allen Ray Menard, U. S. A. The wedding took place in St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires performing the ceremony. Lieutenant Menard is the son of Andrew Menard, of Chicago, and was honorably discharged from the Military Intelligence Service in Washington a few days ago. During the war work in Washington Lieutenant Menard was in the White House much of the time, and at the reception which followed the ceremony in the Chalfont Hotel, 163 West Forty-seventh street, the bride and bridegroom received telegrams of congratulations from President and Mrs. Wilson.

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